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Utah State Tax Commission files felony charges against Cedar Hills man

The Utah State Tax Commission filed felony criminal charges against a Cedar Hills man Monday.

Charges against Gilbert L. McIff include communication fraud and tax evasion, both second degree felonies, and failing to file a proper tax return, a third degree felony.

The State alleges McIff submitted fraudulent tax returns that falsely reflected he was exempt from paying taxes.

He also submitted a substitute W2 form which fictitiously stated that he had not received any wages, tips or other compensation, despite receiving several hundred thousand dollars in income between 2002 and 2007. These facts have been verified by his employer, the State says.

McIff owes the State of Utah more than \$56,000 including taxes, criminal penalty, and interest, says Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman.

This case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Tax Commission and is being prosecuted by the Utah Attorney General's Office.

"State income taxes are used to finance our education system," Roberts added. "Those who refuse to pay their fair share overburden compliant taxpayers."

He said the State continues to vigorously pursue those who intentionally avoid or refuse to pay their taxes and they may be subject to criminal prosecution.